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STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By His Excellency, SIMON E. BALDWIN, Governor.

A Proclamation.
 Pursuant to a venerable custom, originating in 1839, the first year of the history of this commonwealth, I appoint Thursday, the 30th day of November, as a day of

THANKSGIVING

to Almighty God for the blessings of the year.

While during its course other countries have been the seat of war, and of all the sadness and suffering that war involves, our own land has been in perfect peace. For this, for the strong foundations of civil government that have been laid, for the long life of republican institutions in Connecticut as a colony and state, and for the free American people that have been born and nurtured in this state, I recommend that the date above mentioned be observed as a day of thanksgiving to the Giver of All Good.

Given under my hand and seal of the state, at the capitol in Hartford, this first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-sixth.

(Signed) SIMON E. BALDWIN.
 By His Excellency's command:
 MATTHEW H. ROGERS,
 Secretary.

OUT FOR LA FOLLETTE.

Gov. Hiram Johnson of California has announced that he is in favor of Senator La Follette as the republican nominee for the presidency next year, and considering the recent radical action of that state, perhaps, the conclusion from this that California will carry the banner of the progressives and appear in opposition to the re-nomination of Mr. Taft may be considered a fair interpretation of the situation.

The friends of President Taft are not disturbed by this turn in affairs, and the most careful estimators of the convention ballot feel sure that if the 1912 votes Taft is not likely to be short more than 100; and he could lose many more than that and win.

Senator La Follette is a speaker who attracts and entertains people as Colonel Bryan does, but when it comes to making him president they will not be so fast.

Taft is an honest man and the politician is enforcing the making strong enemies against him because he is true to the welfare of the people.

THE SECOND SOBER THOUGHT.

The Toronto Globe, a paper of large circulation in Canada, says the Canadian "people have returned to sober thinking and regret their action against reciprocity."

The Globe believes in the interval that has elapsed since the overthrow of the Laurier government the people across the border have given the proposition more serious consideration, and there is small doubt that many have experienced a change of heart. Whether or not have altered their opinion to overcome the big majority rolled up by the conservatives is open to some doubt.

The new government is opposed to any closer trade relations with the United States and the new parliament with "reciprocity within the empire" for its slogan, is not likely to care whether the voters are in a repentant mood or not. All parliamentary action will be against reciprocity for the present.

There is no doubt both countries would have been benefited by closer trade relations; and that whatever harm came of the new policy would have been evenly distributed in both countries.

SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE.

In Miss Dorothy Draper, who was married on Tuesday to Thomas B. Gannett, Jr., wealth, culture and common sense are amazingly combined. As an ex-governor's daughter, she counts usefulness of more importance than ease or style, neither of which has been denied to her.

As an accomplished young woman she prefers cookery to society and asserts that she will supervise the details of her own household. She it was who initiated the movement among Boston society girls two years ago to study domestic science. When Miss Draper returned from a recent trip abroad, she quite surprised her friends by expressing these sentiments:

"Every girl ought to know how to cook, and to cook well. No matter how wealthy a girl's family may be, she owes it to herself to learn how to cook, at least the simpler forms of food. Then she ought to try to master the more complicated dishes. She should take as much pride in her cooking as in her dancing, her music or any other accomplishment."

In society, Mrs. Gannett will be looked upon as a crank and subject herself to much adverse criticism; but she will be the mistress of her own house, will be esteemed by her servants for her knowledge and democracy, and prized by her husband as a companion of extraordinary worth.

A man in these days is to be congratulated upon getting such a superior helpmeet.

Mayor Shank of Indianapolis is not out for a municipal provender monopoly. He says: "Of course, I do not expect to keep this up indefinitely. The coming of the potatoes had the effect I desired. It convinced the people there was a hold-up somewhere. I believe a municipal purchasing agent will go a long way toward solving this problem. Place a man in the city markets to see that a shortage of any commodity is prevented, and it is my belief that prices will remain pretty close to their normal level."

Andrew Carnegie pays \$22,000 in taxes upon his personal property; and this, quite likely, is a less proportion than Bill Jones pays on his small estate.

Mayor Fletcher of Providence, by a record of votes, is mayor by a plurality of 35, the closest margin ever registered by a mayor in that city.

THE HIGH CAR STEP.

The high car step on trolley lines is something the patrons cannot get used to, and doubtless many heavy people walk because they find it so difficult to get aboard.

The Fall River News, discussing the high trolley car step, says:

"Not so much sympathy is felt for the crippled and aged to whom the climb into many of the cars unassisted is practically impossible. The high step is explained by the high trucks and the larger wheels that make travel easier. The danger of two car steps is advanced as an excuse for a single high step, but cars on the steam roads have more than two steps and accidents solely due to them are not often noted. Whatever the reason and the excuse, there are cars now being operated here that are little short of an outrage upon the people, young or old, who are obliged to scale into them."

It is thought a light temporary step might be placed on the ground near the car at regular stations, as is done by Pullman car porters, to make embarking easier for the public on the high trolley car.

UNCLE SAM'S FINANCES.

Although the fiscal year promises to show a deficit it promises to be considerably an improvement upon recent years. The condition of the country's finances were concisely stated as follows the first of the present week:

Saturday night the books of the United States treasury showed a surplus of \$443,149.87 on the day's business; a (to date) November deficit of \$5,309,822.78; a (to date) fiscal year deficit of \$8,964,350.38, against one of \$22,397,029.23 on November 15, 1910; a balance of \$131,212,575.77 in the general fund; and a balance of \$78,072,744.89 in the treasury offices. In the eighteen days of November the treasury got \$15,714,342.98 from the custom houses, about \$1,200,000 less than in the corresponding days a year ago. The ordinary internal taxes (on whiskey, beer, etc.) yielded \$17,299,994.02; the corporation tax yielded \$23,374.96; \$4,004,146 came from other sources. The war department drew upon the treasury for \$8,976,511.71 in the eighteen days, and the navy department for \$7,987,234.37; the upkeep of the country's enormous civil establishment cost \$9,365,350.80; the pension-roll cost \$13,331,895.49.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Massachusetts had its fatality this year on the first day of the open season.

The supreme court of Iowa supports local option as a means of regulating Sunday observance.

As we are approaching leap year, the girls might be practicing a bit along possible lines.

They say in Canada now that Premier Laurier may come back and be more popular than ever.

The Sherman law cannot be strengthened to please the trusts, for they would like to have it put to sleep.

Happy thought for today: When some women call for just fifteen minutes they forget to look at the clock.

Harry Thaw has taken up the study of law to prove he is sane. He may become skilled in originating insane theories.

A New York doctor expresses the opinion that there are too many babies in the world. They are not in New England.

It is now claimed in Boston that Edward C. Mansfield of that city is likely to be the successor of Postmaster General Hitchcock.

The state public utility commission of Jersey has broken an old custom by declaring that henceforth ministers must pay full fare in that state.

If your ear is in the right place, according to a beauty doctor, "it will be set at the side of the head even with the eye." With this kind of an ear, a fellow ought to be able to see if his car-mitts are on straight.

The Ottawa Citizen says: "In the United States the government has in Dr. Wiley, who is in control of the laws protecting the people from bad food, an official who fears no man or combination of men in the pursuit of his duty."

This under the Des Moines plan, according to The Capital: "The Des Moines school board is paying one of its own members eighteen hundred dollars per annum for office rent—regardless of the fact that two different locations have been tendered at a reduction of over fifty per cent."

under a contract whereby even this amount would go back into the pockets of the taxpayers. How do the taxpayers like it and what are they going to do about it?"

Bible Question Box

Your Bible questions will be answered in this column by mail if sent to our Bible Question Box Editor.

Q.—Will Jerusalem ever be rebuilt and for what purpose?

Answer.—The most remarkable movement ever occurring amongst the Jewish people, since the time of the destruction of their capital city, Jerusalem, is now in process of development, and is known as "The Zionist Movement." The primary object of this movement is the establishment of the Jews in their own land under a government of their own. This would mean the rebuilding of the city in the event of the success of this movement.

There are many prophecies which show that the Jews shall return to their favor and shall again be established in their own country, and that the City of Jerusalem will be rebuilt. We read in Isaiah, chapter xxvii, verse 12: "The clear intimation of the teachings of the Scriptures is that Jerusalem will become the Capital City of the world, for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." And many people shall go and say, Come ye and let us go up to the mountain (Kingdom) of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths."

Isaiah li, 3. For a remarkable confirmation of this, in the words of the New Testament, see Acts xv, 16, 17.

Meriden.—John C. Thompson, who weighed 134 pounds at birth and was raised in a home made of mud, is about as large as a soap bubble. He celebrated his birthday, says the Meriden Post, on Wednesday last. Thompson, the boy's father, says the boy weighs 36 pounds today.

THE WIDE AWAKE CIRCLE

Boys and Girls Department

POETRY. **CHIC-A-DEE-DEE.**

A long time ago, in a clump of small trees,
 Was a little bird-college conferring
 And on one little fellow, so learned
 And so pious withal, they bestowed a D. D.

The name of the birdie thus honored
 was Chick.
 His body was small, and his motions
 were quick;
 I have never learned what the reason
 could be,
 But his brother birds smiled, and said
 "Chick, a D. D."

But Chick did not know they were
 smiling, and he
 Was as happy a bird as there was in
 the tree;
 And oft to himself, not to others, in
 glee
 He chuckled and said: "I am Chick, a
 D. D."

What! Chick, a D. D.? Little Chick,
 a D. D.? Oh, yes. And a very good preacher
 he was.
 And many a sermon, delightful to
 me,
 Have I heard in the church of the
 chick-a-dee-dee.
 —C. S. Monitor.

UNCLE JED'S TALK WITH LITTLE FOLKS.

We have so many letters on hand
 some of them are not likely to be in
 print for several weeks, so the writers
 are patient. The letters will ap-
 pear in their turn.

To make room for regular stories and
 letters, Uncle Jed has "boiled down"
 the little letters of acknowledgment
 of receipt of books, so they will take
 less room.

Uncle Jed enjoys most the letters
 about excursions, house parties
 and such things as the children enjoy
 most.

The little ones who have not won a
 book could not give up. All the letters
 are not in one story or letter—there is
 merit in persistence, and those who
 try, try again are on the high road to
 success.

If there are any little boys or girls
 who are not able to be out to run
 about much who are interested in the
 Wide-Awake Circle we hope they will
 write an interesting letter or story
 that will win a book.

Sign full name and address. One
 little girl failed to get a book be-
 cause she did not even give her name,
 and Uncle Jed has always felt sorry
 she missed it.

PRIZE-BOOK WINNERS.

- 1—Agnes M. Nelson of Norwich, a book
 entitled "The Rebel of the School," by
 L. T. Meade.
- 2—Annie Poyard of Taftville, a book
 entitled "Fairy Tales," by the
 Brothers Grimm.
- 3—Edythe Grant of Baltic, a book en-
 titled "The Water People," by
 Charles Lee Siebert.
- 4—Mildred Smith of Williamatic, a
 book entitled "Tales from Hans
 Anderson."
- 5—Amelia Landry of Taftville, a book
 entitled "Black Beauty," by Anna
 Sewall.
- 6—Miriam Church of Uncasville, a book
 entitled "Peter Rabbit," by Beatrix
 Potter.
- 7—James Kilday of Norwich, a book
 entitled "The Motor Boat Club in
 Florida," by H. Irving Hancock.
- 8—Marguerite Farrow of Mansfield De-
 pot, a book entitled "Robinson
 Crusoe," by Daniel Defoe.

THE BIRD PUZZLE.

Agnes M. Nelson of Norwich Wins
 Book by Making First Reply.

Miss Nelson's answer was as fol-
 lows:
 Six birds named from color—Blue-
 bird, brown thrasher, blue jay, red-
 winged blackbird, summer yellow bird,
 scarlet tanager.

Six birds named from notes—Whip-
 poorwill, phoebe, pewee, chebec, chick-
 adee, chickadee.

Six birds named from nesting habits—
 Bank swallow, blue grosbeak, swamp
 sparrow, oven bird, chimney swift,
 house wren.

Kenneth Main and Mildred Carroll
 of Norwich, Olive Whitcomb of Man-
 sfield Center, Edward H. McCall, Jr., of
 Leonard Bridge, Ruth McCullom of
 Mansfield Depot also sent in correct
 answers.

There were seven other replies which
 had one or more mistakes.

A BIRD PUZZLE FOR THIS WEEK.

A new book to the girl or boy who
 names the birds in New England hav-
 ing the largest number of names, giv-
 ing the names.

THANKS TO UNCLE JED FOR BOOKS.

Paul Noyes Hillard, Westerly, Nov. 17th—Thank you very much for my
 book. I enjoy reading, and I think a
 book makes a nice prize.

Dorothy A. Lannin, New York, Nov. 17th—Thank you for the lovely book
 received this morning.

Beth Battersby, Baltic, Nov. 18th—I
 was most pleased with my prize
 book, and thank you for it.

Ella L. McCullom, Mansfield Depot,
 Nov. 18th—Thanks for pretty book you
 sent me—it is fine, I know.

Flora A. Spaulding, Leonard Bridge,
 Nov. 18th—I thank you for my sur-
 prise book. I am a great lover of
 horses and I know "Black Beauty" is a
 nice book.

Frederick Kilpatrick, Taftville, Nov. 17th—I thank you very much for book
 sent. Am almost through reading it,
 and think it nice.

LITTLE ORIGINAL STORIES.

What the Bear Told Him.

Once upon a time there were two
 men walking through the woods. After
 they had been walking a long while
 one of the men noticed a bear coming
 towards them, and not thinking of his
 friend, climbed a tree and hid.

The other man, not knowing what to
 do, had already heard that if a man
 would lay down the bear would think
 he is dead and go away, and he did so.
 After the bear had sniffed in his
 face a while he went away. The other
 man came down from the tree and said:
 "What did the bear say to you?"
 And he answered: "He only told me
 not to go with companions who when
 he is in danger of death leaves the
 other in the lurch."

BREED THEATRE

FEATURE PICTURE.
Mesquite's Gratitude—Indian

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and the boy wrapped the girl up in a blanket, and putting her in a little wagon he found standing outside, brought her home, and he received a very great reward for his bravery.

And the policeman never laughed at him again, which he considered greater than the reward he received from the girl's father.

Norwich, VIRGINIA D., Age 12.

Our School Room.

Our school room is of an oblong shape. It has three windows and three doors. One, if you should open, would reveal a pretty little cupboard filled with books of various kinds.

The door through which we come and go is in the rear, also; and above it is the crucifix—on the side is hung the American flag to greet you as you enter.

Then there is in the corner a chair, and a radiator near the cupboard, and a picture called "Peter on the Waters." On the left-hand side is the "Madonna," and the window sills are occupied by plants.

In the front part is a little shelf, above the blackboard, on which is placed the "Sacred Heart" statue, and on each side there is a picture, on the left called "Christ in the Temple," and on the right the "Signing of the Declaration of Independence."

On the right-hand side of the room is the picture called "The Rich Man," and in the corner nearest to the "Madonna" is a little table with a globe on it; and, also, a good many different kinds of books, which we take the greatest care of, for they were given to us by our priest. There are thirty-six desks and chairs in this room, which is the seventh grade.

AMELIA LANDRY, Age 11.

The Capture of the Fox.

A boy complained of the loss of chickens. He thought he would go in to the hen coop and watch. By and by he heard a noise in the leaves and the hens began to cackle. He saw the fox looking through the rusty wire. He was going to catch a hen when the boy ran out the other end of the coop. In just about a second the boy was back again with a gun; but there was no fox to be seen. This boy had a brother. His name was John Smith, and his brother's name was Charles Smith. Charles was bound to catch this fox, so he took and killed one of his roosters and took his head and tied it on the panel of a steel trap.

He took the steel trap and set it near the place where the fox went in. The next morning he had the fox. He took it and showed it to his brother. His brother begged him to let the fox go; but he would not. After a while they said they would take him to their father.

Their father said that they should be lawyers and he would be the judge. John said he wanted the fox to be let free because he had a right to be on this earth as well as the fox. He had a right to eat chickens as well as we have and I say let the fox go.

Then his brother Charles got up and said:

"The fox is not like a person. He has no right to eat our chickens. Let him go to get his own food and he will steal ours."

Mr. Smith, the judge, stood up for his son John, and he said:
 "Let the fox go."

EDWARD S. JACKSON, Age 10.

Corn and Its Origin.

Corn is grown in nearly all of the western states, and it is more used than any other grain, except rice, in several states. We would have liked to have gone up in the dome, but did not have time.

After looking around there for some time we went down into the park, where we enjoyed looking at the flowers that were arranged so pretty.

After walking around the park for a short time we started for the depot. It was a very pleasant trip and we all enjoyed it very much.

MARGUERITE FARROW, age 13.
 Mansfield Depot.

Gathering Nuts.

Dear Uncle Jed: Every morning my brother and I would get up early and start after nuts. We would not get very many for the squirrels were there ahead of us.

One morning my father was digging potatoes in the garden. He heard nuts falling and thought some one was after them. He went down there and looked up in the tree. What should he see but a little red squirrel.

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